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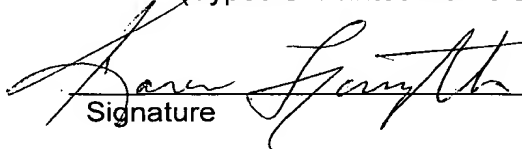
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RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants and the Examiner held a telephone interview on August 24, 2004. In response to this interview, Applicants submitted an Amendment on the same day. The amendments to the claims set forth set forth in Amendment D from Applicants are the same as the amendments made in the Examiner's Amendment provided with the Notice of Allowability in the present application. The only distinction is in claim 9, of the Examiner's Amendment, the line 3, the word "interlace" should be "interface" as set forth in Applicants' Amendment. Applicants simply this point to insure that proper spelling of "interface" is used in the printed

patent, and confirm that the substance of the interview is reflected in the claim amendments submitted by Applicants.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication as to the allowance of the present application.

However, applicants respectfully submit the Statements of Reasons for Allowance are, in and of themselves, inappropriate. It is noted that the reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "The record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims." (37 CFR §1.104(e)(2001)). In the present case, applicants believe the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and, therefore, no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, the applicants do not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance.

Specifically, it has been indicated that the claims are allowed by importing interpretations into the claims in relation to the prior art that results in a potential imprecise and/or inaccurate understanding of the reasons. This places an unwarranted interpretation upon the claims. Such a characterization of the claims does not properly take into account applicants' claimed invention as reflected in the specification and the applicants' responses to the Examiner's office actions.

Therefore, while applicants believe the claims are allowable, applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides in only the features, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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